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SUBJECT: CCG MEETING IN BRUSSELS JUNE 22-23, 1977

1. THE COORDINATING COMMITTEE OF GOVERNMENT BUDGET  
EXPERTS (CCG) MET IN BRUSSELS JUNE 22 AND 23.

2. PRIOR TO THE DISCUSSION OF AGENDA ITEMS,  
REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STAFF ASSOCIATIONS SPOKE, SAYING  
THAT WITH THE DECISION TAKEN IN THE EUROPEAN  
COMMUNITIES (EC) ON JUNE 21 THEY HAD BEEN INSTRUCTED BY  
CPACOC, THE ORGANIZATION OF STAFF ASSOCIATIONS, TO  
REQUEST THAT THE ADDITIONAL 20 PCT BE ADDED TO THE  
80 PCT COST-OF-LIVING ADVANCE AUTHORIZED BY THE 141ST  
REPORT. THEY HAD SEEN NO TECHNICAL OR OTHER REASON  
TO JUSTIFY ONLY 80 PCT AND FELT THE CCG REPS WERE  
DISCRIMINATING BETWEEN THE EC AND CCG EMPLOYEES.

3. NO REPRESENTATIVE WOULD DISCUSS THE QUESTION, NOT  
KNOWING THE DETAILS OF THE EC DECISION NOR HAVING  
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INSTRUCTIONS FROM HIS GOVERNMENT. REPS FELT ANY  
CONSIDERATION OF THE QUESTION WOULD HAVE TO BE BASED  
ON A REQUEST FROM THE SECSGEN.

4. LOPPENTHEIN, SPEAKING FOR THE SECSGEN, FELT  
IT UNNECESSARY TO RESUBMIT A DOCUMENT ASKING FOR THE  
ADDITIONAL 20 PCT, SINCE IT HAD BEEN IN THE ORIGINAL

REQUEST OF THE SECSGEN.

5. THE STAFF REPS SAID THEY WOULD PRESENT THEIR REQUEST FOR THE ADDITIONAL 20 PCT TO THE SECSGEN AND ADVISED THAT THEY WOULD PARTICIPATE ACTIVELY IN THE REVIEW OF THE SALARY PROCEDURE SCHEDULED FOR JANUARY 1978 SO THAT THERE WOULD BE A CLEARER SYSTEM COVERING THE EC AND CCG.

6. THE NETHERLANDS REP REPORTED THAT WHEN THE EC MEDIATOR HAD BEEN TOLD THAT THE CCG HAD GRANTED ONLY 80 PCT OF THE COST-OF-LIVING INCREASE, THE MEDIATOR REPLIED THAT WHAT THE CCG DECIDED WAS IRRELEVANT TO THE EC DECISION. THE NETHERLANDS REP ADDED THAT IF EC FELT CCG DECISIONS WERE IRRELEVANT, SO WERE THE EC DECISIONS TO THE CCG. HE ALSO REPORTED THAT THE EC HAD AGREED THAT IF THERE WERE AN OVERPAYMENT IN THE 100 PCT ADJUSTMENT, THE EMPLOYEE'S SALARY WOULD BE REDUCED TO THE CORRECT AMOUNT AND HE WOULD REPAY THE AMOUNT OVERPAID HIM. THE NETHERLANDS REP WANTED TO KNOW THE POSITION OF THE SECSGEN SHOULD THIS OCCUR TO A CCG EMPLOYEE.

7. COMMENT: THE NETHERLANDS REP TOLD THE US REP LATER THAT IN THE EC DISCUSSIONS THE UK HAD ORIGINALLY OBJECTED TO THE 100 PCT INCREASE, BUT HAD FINALLY AGREED BECAUSE THE UK HAD THE CHAIRMANSHIP OF THE EC FOR THIS LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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SIX-MONTH PERIOD AND DID NOT WISH A STRIKE, WHICH THE EC STAFF HAD THREATENED. THIS WAS LATER CONFIRMED BY THE UK REP. NETHERLANDS REP SAID NETHERLANDS, GERMAN AND ITALIAN EC REPS HAD ABSTAINED FROM VOTING. IF THE UK HAD ALSO ABSTAINED, THE 100 PCT ADJUSTMENT WOULD NOT HAVE BEEN GRANTED. THE BELGIANS HAD ORIGINALLY OPPOSED 100 PCT, BUT ACCEPTED IT AS A "POLITICAL DECISION."  
END COMMENT.

8. AGENDA ITEM III - CSG(77)1 - INTER-ORGANIZATION SECTION (IOS) REP SAID THAT ADDENDUM 2 CONTAINING THE NEW US SALARY SCALES DEVELOPED AFTER THE 1976 GENERAL REVIEW HAD BEEN APPROVED BY THE USOECD REP IN PARIS. CCG CHAIRMAN REQUESTS WRITTEN CONFIRMATION.

ACTION REQUESTED: AUTHORITY TO APPROVE THESE NEW US SALARY SCALES BOTH IN WRITING TO THE CCG CHAIRMAN AND WHEN PRESENTED TO THE NATO COUNCIL.

9. ITEM IV - CCG/W(77)17 - BILATERAL DISCUSSIONS WILL BE HELD BETWEEN REPS OF THE IOS AND GOVERNMENTS TO RESOLVE QUESTIONS RAISED AS A RESULT OF THE 1976 REVIEW.

THE DUTCH HAVE A 2 PCT DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THEIR CALCULATIONS AND THOSE OF THE IOS. AFTER THESE BILATERAL MEETINGS, A LIST OF QUESTIONS WILL BE DEVELOPED FOR STUDY BY A WORKING GROUP ON THE APPLICATION OF THE RULES OF THE 133RD REPORT. EFFORTS TO OBTAIN A COPY OF EC JOB DESCRIPTIONS AND GRADES TO COMPARE WITH THE CCG POSITIONS HAVE BEEN UNSUCCESSFUL. THIS WILL BE ONE QUESTION TO BE STUDIED BY THE WORKING GROUP, WHICH WILL MEET BIWEEKLY, IF NECESSARY, TO RESOLVE QUESTIONS OF METHODOLOGY.

10. ITEM V - CCG/W(77)18 - CHAIRMAN OF WORKING PARTY 15 PRESENTED BRIEF PROGRESS REPORT ON ALLOWANCES STUDIED.

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SUBSISTENCE ALLOWANCES HAVE BEEN FOUND INADEQUATE. EACH COUNTRY REPRESENTED IN CCG WILL BE RECEIVING AN ALLOWANCE QUESTIONNAIRE, WHICH, UPON COMPLETION, WILL BE USED AS A BASIS FOR THE REVISION OF THE SUBSISTENCE ALLOWANCE.

THE UK REP SAID HE WOULD BE SUBMITTING A PAPER REQUESTING THAT THE PAYMENT OF EXPATRIATION ALLOWANCES BE STUDIED ASAP (FYI: HIS GOVERNMENT BELIEVES THIS ALLOWANCE SHOULD BE ABOLISHED.)

11. ITEM VI - CCG/W(77)19 - CHAIRMAN OF WORKING PARTY 11 REPORTED THAT NO SOLUTION HAD BEEN FOUND FOR THE QUESTION OF BRITISH AND GERMAN CITIZENS WORKING FOR

NATO IN THEIR RESPECTIVE COUNTRIES AND BEING REQUIRED TO BE A MEMBER OF THEIR NATIONAL AND THE CCG PENSION SCHEMES. ONE SOLUTION WOULD PERMIT THOSE EMPLOYEES TO OPT OUT OF THE CCG PENSION SCHEME, BUT ORGANIZATION'S CONTRIBUTION OF 14 PCT WOULD BE PAID THEM FOR THEIR CONTRIBUTION TO NATIONAL PENSION SCHEME. HE ASKED THAT THE WORKING PARTY BE GIVEN MORE TIME TO SUBMIT ITS LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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REPORT.

SYG REP OBJECTED TO THE CREATION OF A THIRD GROUP OF EMPLOYEES, WHICH WOULD RESULT FROM THAT SOLUTION, SAYING THAT THESE EMPLOYEES SHOULD THEN BE PERMITTED TO REMAIN WITH THE PROVIDENT FUND SO THAT THEY COULD OBTAIN FUNDS TO PAY NATIONAL PENSION SCHEME.

CCG CHAIRMAN WILL BE WRITING TO NATO SYG REQUESTING NAC'S PERMISSION TO EXTEND REPORTING DEADLINE BY ANOTHER THREE MONTHS.

ACTION REQUESTED: PERMISSION IS REQUESTED TO ACCEPT THIS EXTENSION OF TIME LIMIT BY SILENCE PROCEDURE.

12. ITEM VII - WORKING PARTY 15 - PENSIONS JOINT ADMINISTRATIVE UNIT - CCG CHAIRMAN ADVISED THAT SWISS EXPERT SCHULER HAD SUBMITTED HIS REPORT CONCERNING THE PENSION SCHEME TO SECSGEN. REPORT WAS BEING TRANSLATED AND WOULD BE STUDIED BY THE SECSGEN DURING THEIR LONDON MEETING JULY 4. CHAIRMAN ASKED IF A COPY OF THE REPORT AND THE SECSGEN'S COMMENTS COULD BE AVAILABLE FOR THE JULY 19 CCG MEETING. SYG REP DOUBTED THAT WOULD BE POSSIBLE.

UK REP ASKED WHETHER WORKING PARTY 15 COULD BE ASSURED OF THE SECSGEN'S COOPERATION AND IF MR. SCHULER COULD ATTEND THEIR MEETINGS. SYG REP ASSURED GROUP OF ITS COOPERATION, BUT STATED THAT CENTRALIZATION MUST BE CONSIDERED AT A LATER DATE, NOT NOW. HE FELT THE CCG WAS GOING TOO RAPIDLY TOWARDS CENTRALIZATION, THAT THE SECSGEN SHOULD HAVE TIME TO STUDY THE QUESTION. IF FEW PEOPLE JOINED THE SCHEME, THEN THERE WOULD BE NO NEED LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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FOR CENTRALIZATION. DURING DISCUSSION IT WAS LEARNED THAT A "COMMON DOCUMENT" HAD BEEN DEVELOPED BY THE

SECSGEN, AS INSTRUCTED BY ARTICLE 52 OF THE PENSION SCHEME. SYG REP WAS ASKED TWICE TO PROVIDE A COPY OF THIS DOCUMENT TO THE CCG, WHICH HE OBVIOUSLY DID NOT WANT TO DO, SAYING THAT COUNCIL APPROVAL WAS NOT REQUIRED, SINCE IT WAS AN INTERNAL DOCUMENT. HE DID NOT MENTION MR. SCHULER'S ATTENDING THE WORKING PARTY. FYI: MR. SCHULER HAD SPOKEN INFORMALLY WITH THE CCG CHAIRMAN AND INDICATED THAT CENTRALIZATION OF THE PENSION SCHEME'S ADMINISTRATIVE UNIT ASAP WAS IMPORTANT. HE ADVISED THAT HE PLANNED TO PARTICIPATE AS THE SWISS EXPERT IN WORKING GROUP 15.

13. ITEM VIII - 130TH REPORT - NATO ADVISED SYG LUNS WAS STILL STUDYING WHETHER TO PUT THE 130TH REPORT, CONCERNING THE ADMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN CENTER FOR MEDIUM-RANGE WEATHER FORECASTS TO THE CCG, ON THE NAC AGENDA. THEN, CCG CHAIRMAN PRESENTED BOTH A DRAFT REPORT AND LETTER, WHICH THE COMMITTEE HAD REQUESTED HIM TO PREPARE ON THIS REPORT. CCG REPS DETERMINED THAT THE LETTER SHOULD BE SENT ONLY TO THE NATO AND OECD SECSGEN, SINCE THE OTHER ORGANIZATIONS HAD ALREADY APPROVED THE 130TH REPORT. THE LETTER ASKS WHEN THE REPORT WILL BE ON THE AGENDA OF THESE TWO ORGANIZATIONS.

COMMENT: ASYG VAN CAMPEN CALLED US CHARGE JUNE 21 TO ASK US POSITION ON THIS REPORT, AND WAS INFORMED. IT IS NOT KNOWN WHETHER HE CONTACTED OTHER DELEGATIONS. END COMMENT.

14. THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE IN PARIS ON JULY 19-20.

15. ACTION REQUESTED: DEPARTMENT'S CONCURRENCE AS REQUESTED PARAGRAPHS 7 AND 10. STREATOR

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